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Prescribed burn scheduled to improve wildlife habitat in Pariette Wetlands

Vernal, Utah—The BLM Utah Green River District has scheduled a one-day, prescribed burn to improve wildlife habitat in the Pariette Wetlands. On March 23, 2010, BLM Utah fuel reduction specialists will burn the cattails and dry, dead grass out of canals and ponds in the wetlands. In addition to improving wildlife habitat, the prescribed fire will also improve overall wetland health. Please note that the ignition date and time are weather dependent. If conditions are not conducive to burning, it will be rescheduled for another day this week. Citizens in the area are advised that they may see smoke as a result of the burn.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Troy Suwyn (Fire Management Officer) at 435-781-4444.

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